GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore) - Lapses in Post-mortem Examination against B Nagalakshmi in Crl.Appeal.No.326/2017 - Departmental proceedings Initiated - WSD submitted – Inquiry Officer appointed – Proved - Penalty of Withholding of Three (03) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore) –Imposed - Orders -Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (VC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 471 **Dated: 18-07-2025**

Read the following:

1. U.O.Note. No.2197985/Ser.I/A1/2023, Home (Ser.I) Department, Dated: 24-02-2025.
2. G.O.Rt.No.167. HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 25.03.2025.
3. From DME e-file Com.No. 2733953, Dt:15.04.2025.
4. G.O.Rt.No.220, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 17.04.2025.
5. G.O.Rt.No.296, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated: 26.05.2025
6. From DME e-file Com.No. 2773862, Dt.21.05.2025.
7. G.O.Rt.No.312, HM&FW (VC.I) Department. Dated: 27.05.2025.
8. From DME e-file Com.No. 2733953, Dt.27.06.2025.
9. Memo.No. 2736411/VC.I/2025, Dt.02.07.2025.
10. From DME e-file Com.No. 2733953, Dt.14.07.2025

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ORDER:

Whereas in the U.O.Note 1st read above, the Home Department while enclosing the orders of APHC in Crl.Appeal.No.326/2017 has requested to take necessary action as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

2. Whereas the Hon'ble High Court of A.P at Para No.65 in Crl.Appeal.No.326/2017, Dated: 07-08-2023 has ordered as follows:

> "By adhering to the dictum of the Hon"ble Supreme Court in Dayal Singh's case, after taking into account the grossly negligent conduct of PW.13, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the concerned Medical Department to initiate Disciplinary Proceedings against PW.13, Dr. Z.Sasikanth for dereliction of duty that could have resulted in the miscarriage of justice by way of endangering the credibility of the prosecution case. The Departmental Proceedings shall be concluded within two months from today and the Report of Compliance shall be submitted by the appropriate authority within a period of 12 weeks from today before this Court through the Registrar (Judicial). Though not in this case, the possibility of any Medical Expert being criminally charged and prosecuted, cannot be ruled-out in situations akin to Dayal Singh's case".

3. Whereas in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble Court, vide G.O.2nd read above disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by framing articles of charges against Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore) for lapses in the Post-mortem Examination report the deceased, B.Nagalakshmi.

4. Whereas in the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer submitted his written Statement of Defense denying the charges. After examination of the Written Statement of Defense and having not convinced with his replies, Government decided to conduct enquiry against Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore).

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5. Whereas in the ref 4th read above, Government has appointed Inquiry officer to inquire into the charges framed against Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore) and 5th read above, Presenting officer was appointed.

6. In the ref 8th read above, the DME has forwarded the Inquiry report wherein the Inquiry Officer has examined the charges alleged against the charged officer and has found certain deficiencies in the documentation of the post-mortem report as detailed under each allegation. The inquiry report was examined in detail and accepted by the Disciplinary authority.

7. In the Memo 9th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written representations within stipulated time. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his representations on the findings of inquiry Officer stating that the Inquiry Officer who was appointed by the Government has to put signature on Inquiry Report, and no other members has a right to put signatures as per Rule 14 of CCS(CCA) Rules of 1965 including the Presenting Officer.

8. After examining the inquiry report and the representation submitted by Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore), the Government has concluded that his explanation do not provide any substantial grounds for reconsideration. Furthermore, he has neither refuted nor denied the findings of the Inquiry Officer (IO). In view of the fact that the charges are proved, the Government has decided to impose a major penalty of withholding three (03) annual grade increments with cumulative effect on Dr. Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore).

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of withholding of Three (03) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore).

10. The Director of Medical Education, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. MANJULA D HOSMANI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr Z.Sasikanth, Professor of Forensic Medicine at SVMC, Tirupati (formerly Assistant Professor, ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore).
The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (HFW&ME), A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to Secretary to Government (COVID-19, M&V) HM&FW Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The Government Pleader (Ser.-IV), A.P. High Court, Nelapadu.
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